THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) and (b). Keeping in view the high priority accorded by the Government to the successful implementation of the decision regarding 27% reservation for members of the other backward classes, it was stressed on the Ministries/Departments that data relating to their recruitment in a particular year should be available soon after the year is over. As per information received from 24 of the 65 Ministries/ Departments. 7160 candidates belonging to other backward classes have been appointed upto 31.12.95. No information is being maintained State-wise;

(c) and (d). Reservation do not apply to the Defence Services. As regards other posts, the duties of which are highly specialized or technical in nature, the Supreme Court, in their judgement in the case of Indira Sawhney Vs Union of India had observed that in view of Art. 335, in the cases where merit alone counts, it would not be advisable to provide for reservation. The Ministries/Departments have been asked to identify such posts.

[English]

Oil Depots

3905. SHRI DATTA MEGHE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the places in Maharashtra where Oil Depots of Bharat Petroleum Indian Oil Corporation and Hindustan Petroleum are located;

(b) the storage capacity of each depot separately;

(c) whether the local people are being benefited by the above mentioned undertakings, and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) (a) and (b) The total storage capacity of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd., Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd and Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. in various places in Maharashtra is approximate 759804 KL. Company-wise details are given in attached Statement.

(c) and (d) Storage depots for petroleum products in the respective consumption centres help the local population by way of making the products available for their use As the consumption of petroleum products depends on the economic activity of the region, their increased availability helps the economic development of the region The recruitment of non-management personnel is also made through the local employment exchange

STATEMENT

Company-wise Pol Installations Tops and Depots in Maharashtra

(Fig. in KL)

Location	I.O.C.	B.P.C.L.	H.P.C.L.
Mahul	-	-	31400
Wadala	50537	-	18500
Sewree	45196	107000	49800
Loni	-	-	119000
Vashi	-	-	74200
Gaigaon	11795	-	9200
Badnera	8586	13600	-
Tadali	10828	8300	-
Khapri	16958	-	17750
Manmad	8502	7100	3220
Bhadli	9598	-	4640
Akolner	20569	-	-
Aurangabad	15989	-	5200
Miraj	21171	14400	-
Sholapur	-	3400	4300
Pakni	17253	-	-
Bassein	9844	-	-
Condia	3381	-	-
Shrirud	8937	-	-
Hazarwadi	-	-	9700

[English]

Foreign Funds to Kashmiri Militants

3906. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the inflow of foreign funds to the Kashmiri militants;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to check this activity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) to (c). There have been reports from time to time about the flow of illegal funds to various secessionist and militant organisations through clandestine channels and in contravention of the law The Government and all the concerned security and enforcement agencies have been continuously

making efforts to contain such possibilities through sustained vigilance, inquiries and investigations, and operations against various secessionist and militant organisations in Jammu and Kashmir and other parts of the Country.

[English]

Mining of Ilmenite

3907. SHRI N.K. PREMCHANDRAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the total quantity of ilmenite obtained from the mineral sand mines from the coastal area of Kollam during the last three years;

(b) whether the Government propose to ask the mining companies to spend percentage of turnover for the welfare of this area;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) Total quantity of ilmenite obtained from the coastal area of Kollam during the last three years is as under :

1993-94	:	1,52,232 MT
1994-95	:	1,54,546 MT
1995-96	:	1,25,152 MT

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Development of the area is the responsibility of the local Government. However, the Indian Rare Earths Limited has been spending money on the welfare of the area from time to time, as a goodwill gesture.

Review of Vigilance Sections

3908. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have made any review of the functioning and powers of the Vigilance Sections attached to ministries and Departments;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) to (c). The primary responsibility for the maintenance of purity, integrity and efficiency in his organisation vests in the Secretary of the Ministry or the Head of the Department/ Organisation. The Chief Vigilance Officers and the Vigilance set-up in these organisations assist the head of the organisations in all matters pertaining to vigilance and provide a link between their Ministries/Departments/ Organisations and Central Vigilance Commission. In order to provide clean and corruption free administration, the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions have been following a three pronged strategy on vigilance and anti-corruption measures through an Annual Action Plan for preventive vigilance, surveillance and detection and deterrent punitive action. Through this Action Plan and Ministries/Departments through their respective vigilance set-up are responsible for coordinating, guiding and implementing the various aspects of the Action Plan and vigilance activities in their Organisation. The progress of the action taken on the various items of vigilance work is reviewed quarterly.

Printing of Question Papers

3909. DR. ARVIND SHARMA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the practice for printing of question papers for various competitive examinations conducted by SSC is different from the one followed by UPSC;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether SSC had been engaging private agencies for printing of question papers for various examinations;

(d) if so, whether the role of these agencies with regard to leakage of question papers for examinations for recruitment of Inspectors of Customs, Central Excise etc. and recruitment of Clerks, 1996 has been investigated;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether Government propose to examine the viability of printing question papers through Government security press in order to prevent leakage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) and (b). Since the Staff Selection Commission and the U.P.S.C are independent organisations, they have evolved their own procedures for printing of question papers keeping in view the need to ensure secrecy in printing the question papers.

(c) to (f). Yes Sir. However, the Commission ensure adequate safeguards at the stage of printing and sealing. There have been no cases of leakage of question papers at this stage and, therefore, there is no proposal to modify the existing system at present.